

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 SAIGON 04857 121116Z

12

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00

NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02

NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 OMB-01 AID-05 SAJ-01

/079 W

----- 114230

O R 120953Z APR 75

FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5231

INFO CINCPAC

USMISSION GENEVA

AMCON HONG KONG

AMEMB BUDAPEST

AMEMB MOSCOW

USDEL JEC PARIS

USLO PEKING

AMEMB WARSAW

UNCLAS SAIGON 4857

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, VS

SUBJECT: APRIL 12 "PRG" PRESS CONFERENCE IN SAIGON

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. "PRG" SPOKESMAN AT APR 12 SAIGON PRESS CONFERENCE DEVOTED MOST OF PREPARED TEXT TO BOILERPLATE DENUNCIATION OF PRES FORD'S APR 10 STATE OF THE WORLD ADDRESS. IN PARTICULAR, HE ATTACKED EVACUATION PROPOSALS AS PUBLICITY STUNT, DEMANDING WITHDRAWAL OF US WARSHIPS. HE SAID ALL US MILITARY PERSONNEL MUST BE IMMEDIATELY AND COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN FOR SVN. THE CORRECT ATTITUDE THEY SHOULD ADOPT IS TO DEMAND THE USG TO BRING THEM HOME AND NOT TO INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF SVN.

HE SAID THE \$250 MILLION HUMANITARIAN AID REQUEST WAS "IN UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 SAIGON 04857 121116Z

ESSENCE" MILITARY AID, AND ASSERTED THAT ANY US AID TO VIETNAM

WOULD BE "SQUANDERED" BECAUSE IT "CANNOT SURVIVE" THE DEFEAT OF THE "THIEU CLIQUE". CONCLUDING, THE SPOKESMAN REPEATED THE OCT 8, 1974 AND MAR 21, 1975 "PRG" PRECONDITIONS, CALLING THEM "THE ONLY WAY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE (SIC) TO SETTLE THE VIETNAM QUESTION."

2. ASKED WHETHER THE "PRG" PLANNED TO GAIN CONTROL OF SAIGON POLITICALLY OR MILITARILY, SPOKESMAN REPLIED "OF LATE THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE OF THE SAIGON-GIA DINH AREA ISSUED AN APPEAL CALLING ON THE PEOPLE TO LAUNCH UPRISINGS AND OFFENSIVES IN ORDER TO SEIZE CONTROL." (SEE SAIGON 4435) HE CITED THE "INSURRECTION ACT" OF AN F5E PILOT BOMBING THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF UPRISING HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. ASKED WHETHER FOREIGNERS WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO EVACUATE SAIGON, HE DECLINED TO COMMENT "CONCRETELY" BUT NOTED THE "PRG'S" TEN-POINT POLICY WHICH REFERS TO TREATMENT OF FOREIGNERS IN "LIBERATED" AREAS. (SEE SAIGON 4517) ASKED WHETHER THE DESTRUCTION OF SAIGON WAS NECESSARY, HE REPLIED EQUIVOCALLY, "WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT IN THE FIGHT THE LIBERATION ARMY ALWAYS TRIES TO RESTRICT TO THE LOWEST LEVEL THE LOSSES THAT ARE LIKELY."

3. ASKED ABOUT CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, HE CITED THE USUAL DEMANDS AND SAID, "I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ONLY WHEN THE TWO CONDITIONS (IE, AN END TO US "INTERFERENCE AND INVOLVEMENT" AND THE "OVERTHROW OF THE THIEU CLIQUE") ARE FULLY MET CAN THERE BE CONDITIONS TO SETTLE THE PROBLEMS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT."

4. SPOKESMAN SAID HE WAS NOT INFORMED WHERE IN "LIBERATED TERRITORY" THE F5E PILOT HAD LANDED, AND ADDED THAT IT WOULD NOT IN ANY EVENT BE MADE PUBLIC "TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF SABOTAGE."

MARTIN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS CONFERENCES, EVACUATION PLANS, COMBAT OPERATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975SAIGON04857
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750128-0265
From: SAIGON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750455/aaaabzdg.tel
Line Count: 95
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27 JUN 2003 by BalzMJ>; APPROVED <22 JAN 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: APRIL 12 "PRG" PRESS CONFERENCE IN SAIGON CINCPAC FOR POLAD
TAGS: PINS, MOPS, VS, US, PRG
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006